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SUBJ: VIRGINIA TRADER

FROM: MICHAEL S. SOMECK

DEPT PASS:

THOMAS A. KING,

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

FEDERAL PLAZA

NEW YORK, N.Y.

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING TO ALFRED SEGAL, VICE
PRESIDENT, AMERICAN TRADING TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, 555
FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE 682-7722 RPT 682-7722 -
QUOTE:

A. REFERENCE DISCUSSIONS NEW YORK YOUR LETTER
TO DELHI OUTSTANDING DEMURRAGE CLAIM VIRGINIA TRADER
CHITTAGONG.

B. WAS UNABLE MEET BANGLADESH OFFICIALS BUT MET
WITH SENIOR USAID OFFICIALS WHO HAVE SENT COMPRE-
HENSIVE LETTER TO SECY OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
M. SYEDUSSAMAN REQUESTING ACTION ON YOUR CLAIM
PLUS FOUR OTHERS. YOUR CLAIM IS, HOWEVER, BY FAR
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THE LARGEST.

C. USAID DOES NOT EXPECT IMMEDIATE ACTION THEIR LETTER SINCE DACCA GOVT SIMPLY DOES NOT REACT TO REQUESTS OF THIS NATURE PROMPTLY MOSTLY DUE TO SHORTAGE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF A CUMBERSOME BUREAUCRACY.

D. USAID OF OPINION THAT EVENTUALLY DACCA MAY REQUEST THAT DEMURRAGE FUNDS BE DEDUCTED FROM THE AID RELIEF AND REHABILITATION GRANT IN WHICH CASE WASHINGTON MUST APPROVE.

E. MEANWHILE USAID WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR A RESPONSE AND ACTION. AT THIS POINT IN TIME ANY OTHER APPROACH WOULD PROBABLY BE FUTILE.

F. IF YOU WISH TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH USAID DACCA THE OFFICIAL IN CHARGE YOUR CASE IS EDWARD CEASER, LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT OFFICER AND HIS SENIOR D.H. MANDEL. THEY HAVE PROMISED TO KEEP ME ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

G. SHALOM UNQUOTE

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